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2004 NGAUS AWARDS PROGRAM

1. Descriptions and nominations for each award and the individual Award Nomination Form can be obtained through the www.ngaus.org/whatisngaus/ngawards04.asp

2. Particular attention should be paid to the criteria for each award and the presentation of factual reasons why the individual deserves the award. Please include the adjutants general recommendation where required.

3. Purpose of the Awards Program:

a. The National Guard Association of the United States Awards Program is designed to recognize individuals and organizations who, by superior performance, acts of heroism or service of a meritorious nature, make a contribution to the goals of the Association, to the purpose and effectiveness of the National Guard or to the stability and security of the United States.

b. The roots of the Awards Program go back to 1936 with the presentation of the first Pershing Plaques for marksmanship. In 1950, the first individual award, the Distinguished Service Medal, was adopted. Since the Program's inception, seven more individual awards have been established: The Harry S. Truman Award for Distinguished Service in the Nation's Defense, the Association's highest award; the Meritorious Service Award; the Valley Forge Cross for heroism; the Charles Dick Medal of Merit; the Patrick Henry Award and the Garde Nationale Trophy.

c. The Montgomery Medal is the newest addition to the NGAUS Awards Program. Only one medal will be conferred each year.

4. Awards Procedures:

a. Presentation of Awards: Awards are presented during the Associations annual General Conference to afford maximum national visibility to award recipients by their National Guard peers.

b. Committee on Awards: A Special Committee on Awards is responsible for periodically reviewing the NGAUS Awards Program for adequacy and administrative effectiveness and making recommendations to the Board of Directors, as it deems necessary. The Awards Committee reviews nominations for awards and makes recommendations on selections to the Board of Directors.

c. Deadline: Recommendations for NGAUS Individual Awards should be submitted to COL Kent Milliken NLT 1 May 2004.

OFFICIAL:

GLENN K. RIETH
Brigadier General, NJARNG
The Adjutant General

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